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SUBJECT: TENG HSIAO-PING'S ELEVATION TO POLITBURO

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1. LONDON TIMES CORRESPONDENT DAVID BONAVIA INFORMED US JANUARY 14 THAT LOCAL REUTERS MAN CALLED MFA INFORMATION DEPARTMENT FOR CONFIRMATION OF TENG HSIAO-PING'S ELEVATION TO POLITBURO STATUS. IN UNUSUAL MOVE, INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CALLED BACK FOLLOWING DAY AND CONFIRMED INFORMATION.

2. HUNGARIANS HERE FEEL TENG PROBABLY ALSO MADE A MEMBER OF STANDING COMMITTEE OF POLITBURO, BASING THEIR VIEW ON NAMELIST OF THOSE WHO SENT WREATHS TO WANG SHU-SHENG FUNERAL.

3. SOVIET COUNSELOR CHUKHROV IS SPREADING WORD THAT TENG ALSO MEMBER OF MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION AND HE HAS ALSO HEARD RUMOR THAT TENG MAY BECOME MINISTER OF DEFENSE. HIS GUESS IS THAT TENG NOMINATED FOR NEW POSITIONS AT
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EXPANDED MEETING OF POLITBURO, POSSIBLY SAME MEETING

THAT DECIDED ON SHIFTS OF REGIONAL MILITARY COMMANDERS.

4. COMMENT: WE FIND STANDING COMMITTEE AND MAC MEMBERSHIP
FOR TENG PLAUSIBLE, BUT MINISTER OF DEFENSE RUMOR WILL HAVE
TO AWAIT FURTHER EVIDENCE.

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